

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT OF POWER
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have finalized the proposals for import of power from neighbouring countries like Bangladesh and Pakistan;
- (b) whether the Indian Government and Government of Bangladesh had agreed to prepare a joint feasibility report for inter-connection of power systems;
- (c) if so, the latest position of the said report and the details of the power purchases agreement thereof;
- (d) whether Pakistan had also agreed to supply power to India;
- (e) if so, whether the operating agreement for purchase of power and the tariff rates has since been finalized; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (f) : Bilateral arrangement/agreements already exist for exchange of power between India and Nepal and India and Bhutan. The Government of India and Bangladesh have agreed to prepare a joint feasibility report for inter-connection of power systems between the two countries for exchange of power. Preliminary discussions have been held at commercial level for setting up interconnections with Bangladesh. An initial exchange of power of the order of 150 MW was discussed.

Two rounds of discussion were held on power supply from Pakistan. During the second round of discussion, Government of Pakistan confirmed availability of 300 MW for export to India for ten years which could be increased to 600 MW as per availability during certain periods of time depending upon technical limits of the system on either side. The methodology for arriving at tariff rates and operating agreements for purchase of power was also discussed. However, since then there is no further progress in this matter.